part in public affairs.

At this council all the ministers were pres ent except M. Bineau, who is ill. There were also present MM. Troplong and Mesnard, the president and vice president of the Senate, MM. Baroche and Rouher, president and vice president of the council of State, M. de Morney, president of the Corps Legislatif, and M. Pietri, the Prefect of Police. The Emperor opened the proceedings in a terse speech, which seemed to have been learned by heart. He said, in substance that, the gravity of the situation induced him to ask their frank opinions. He believed peace to be probable, al most certain, but it was nevertheless, necessary to make material and moral preparations for war. He desired to be advised whether, in case the war should go on, it would be desirable to introduce some modifications into the constitution of the empire favorable to the liberty of the tribune and the liberty of the

He wished also that the council would consider the same question on the supposition of peace being concluded. M. Troplong forcibly and almost violently argued that no change should be made. He maintained that the safety of the government and of society de-pended upon the maintainance of the dictorial system inaugurated in December, 1851. M. Billault took the lead on the other side. the suggestion of a member of the council, it was decided by the Emperor that the two questions he had put should be considered together, since he believed, on reflection, that the internal regime, which might be good in time of war, would be equally desirable in time of peace. On a division, the council resolved, by a majority of 9 against 5, that some alterations were desirable, that there was something to be done. The members who voted in the minority were MM. Troplong, Fould, Mesnard, Morny, and Magne. The Emperor, it is said, listened patiently, as his wont is, to all the observations that were made, and at the end of the sitting thanked the members of the council for their advice, without giving any indication of his own opinion. You will remember that when Lord Palmerston was in Paris, a rumor was current that he had suggested to the Emperor the advisability of considering the question now said to have been mooted at the council.

The Distinguished Dead of 1854.

Probably it will be conceded that not many distinguished men saw their "last of earth" in 1854 as in some previous periods yet the past year has been noted for great and sweeping calamities on land and sea, which have each carried off its victims, who had their own circle of usefulness to which they were the centre, and where their loss was felt as strongly as when a giant dies."

On the 4th of January, the death of Lord Plunkett was announced. He had been Chan cellor of Ireland, and was the last of that con stellation of Irish orators that made the bar or Ireland so luminous some fifty years ago. He

was 90 years of age.
Viscount Bereslord, a noted English general died on the 8th of January. He served in Egypt, Ireland, the Cape of Good Hope, and Buenos Ayres. He was in the Peninsular war under Wellington, commanding the united forces of the Portuguese and English in Portuguese Marshall Representations of the Portuguese and English in Portuguese and English in Portuguese Marshall Representations and Portuguese and English in Portuguese and the battle of Albuera over Soult.

Thomas H. Perkins, a distinguished mer-

chant of Boston, died on the 10th of January, On the 16th, Captain Alden Partridge aged 70, at Norwich, Vermont, long and favorably

known as a military instructor. Judah Touro, a distinguished member of the Hebrew nation, at New Orleans, January 18 aged 79. He was especially distinguished for his benevolence and the proper uses to which he applied his great wealth.

Some time during the n onth, the Marquis of Londonderry, who was distinguished in the army of Wellington, and subsequently as

Jan. 7th, Count Thibadeau, at Paris, the last survivor of the convention that voted death to Louis XVI. Jan. 13th, Thomas Noon Talford, one of the

judges of England. Selah B. Hobbie, Assistant Postmaster Gene ral of the United States, Jan. 21st, aged 57. Jan. 22d, M. de Bodisco, Russian Ambassador to the United States, aged 70.

Feb. 1st, at Turin, Italy, Silvio Pellico, aged 61, a distinguished Italian writer.

March 27th, the reigning Duke of Parma was stabbed in his capital.

April 3d, Professor J. Wilson, a distinguished Scotch writer, aged 66-known as the Christo pher North of Blackwood. His best poetica productions were the Isle of Palms and the City of the Plague. He wrote the Lights and Shades of Scottish Life.

April 29 h, Marquis of Anglesea, aged 86 He was much distinguished as a military officer. and probably ranked in England next to Wel lington. He lost a leg at the battle of Water-

April 30th, James Montgomery, aged 82. He was well known as an English poet, and his works were universally read. They are noted for piety and purity of thought, beauty of diction and sweetness of numbers. May 23, John Smith, Patriarch of the Church

of Latter Day Saints at Salt Lake City.

May 25th, Admiral Hyde Parker, a well known English naval commander.
On the 1st of June, Mrs. Emily Judson, (Emily Chubbuck) widow of Dr. Judson, the

missionary, whose writings under the name of "Fanny Forrester" are well known. Thomas Ritchie, long know as the editor of the Richmond Enquirer, and as the most pow-

erful political writer of the Southern States, died on the 3d of July, aged 76. Count Casimir Batthyany, a distinguished Hungarian exile, died at Paris, July 12th.

aged 46. On the 14th of July, Abbas Pasha, Viceroy of Egypt. He was the grandson of Mehemet Ali, and the nephew of Ibrahim Pasha, whom

July 16th, N. B. Blunt, a well known lawver of New York city, aged 52. In New York, August 4th Don Jose Bar-rundia, Minister of Honduras to the United

States, aged 70. August 10th, the King of Saxony was killed

by a fall from his carriage. Near Metz, Aug. 19th, General Paixhan, aged 72, known for the invention of a piece of artillery that bears his name.

Rev. Leonard Woods, D. D., an able theologian, died at Andover, Aug. 24th, aged 80: Sept. 21st, Right Rev. Jonathan Wainwright, D. D., Bishop of New York, aged 62. He was

a man highly respected and beloved.

Sept. 29th, Marshal St. Arnaud, Commander of the French army in the Crimea, died there. He had been noted in the French wars i

Algiers. Oct. 1st, Mrs. Anne Royal, well known at Washington some years ago. Nov. 9th, at Washington, Mrs. Elizabeth

Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton, aged

Nov. 11th, Charles Kemble, a distinguished

English actor, aged 79. On the 25th of Oct., John Gibson Lockhart, aged 63. He was an illustrious English writer, editor of the Quarterly, and son-in-law of Sir Walter Scott, whose biography is one of the ablest of his works.

Dec. 10th, Mrs. Anne Bayard, widow of

James A. Bayard, aged 77, whose father, hus-band and two sons have been United States Dec. 27th, Thomas W. Dorr, of Rhode Island who will long be remembered as the leader of the rebellion against the constitutional authori-

ies of that State in 1841. Dec. 28th, ex-Governor Morehead, of Ker ucky, aged 58.

NIGHT RUNNING UPON RAILBOADS .- We have some times heard it remarked by timid persons that they would not travel by night on a railroad—their impression being that there is more danger of accidents in the dark than during daylight. Upon first thought this would road Advocate takes a different view of the matter, and certainly makes out a good case. He says that there are many circumstances which make night running comparatively safe. All work upon the track is stopped. Compara tively few other trains are on the road. No drawbridge would ever be likely to remain open in the night. Switches are more likely to be right than at other times, as they are not in use for other trains, and are locked. The in use for other trains, and are locked. The signals made for the night trains being made by lights, would scarcly fail to be observed and obeyed, and, what is important, would be seen at a greater distance than any other signal in daylight. The engineer has less to attract his attention than in the day time. While, after all, a rock or tree falling across a bend in the track in broad daylight, or an intended obstruction, is nearly as much a "hidden danger" as if encountered in the night. There are many encountered in the night. There are many places in nearly all roads where the range of view is less than the reflection of the "head-light" at night. So, after all, it would appear that one can take a night's rest in a railroad

MADAME DE PAU, a venerable lady, who died in France recertly, at the advanced age of 83 years, was a daughter of the Count de Grasse, who rendered effectual aid to the Americans during their revolutionary struggle, at the head of the French auxiliary forces. The De Grasse family was among the most ancient and honored of the French nobility, tracing their gene-Madame de Pau was at that time unmarried, and her name was Silvie de Grasse. After a orief residence in Boston she went to Charleston, S. C., where she married Mr. De Pau, a native France, who had grown very rich in comnerce, and had established the first line of ackets between New York and Havre. Her husband died in 1835, leaving her a foatune which now is little less than half a million of

car with comparative safety.

Prescott, the Historian.

The numerous readers of the charming histories of Mr. Wm. H. Prescott, may be glad to near a word of the historian himself. He appears daily in our streets, and may be often see taking long walks for the preservation of his health. He is now at his winter's residence, on Beacon street, where he spends about nine months of the year. The other three months he has generally spent at Nahant or Pepperell, at both of which places he has country seats most genial to the pursuits of an author. Mr. body having been found burned to a crisp, and the death of the other two deceased was caused by suffocation. The evidence was here closed, Prescott is as systematic in his studies as any Boston merchant, and as great a miser of the minutes. As many have learned, he was so unfortunate as to lose one of his eyes while in Haroff Grace and Mary Haven. Sarah was 26 vard College. By this loss, the other eye became weakened through over-work, so that, practically, he has written his immortal histories as the blind write, or with an apparatus

such as they use.

And yet he has scarcely the appearance of any difficulty of sight, and recognizes his friends in the street with that single faithful eye. Indeed, the observer might regard his eyes as fine as one could desire. Mr. Prescott, when en-

gaged in writing, writes rapidly, averaging about seven of the printed pages of his volumes daily. His secretary copies his manscript in a good plain hand for the printer. He is now dili-gently composing a history of Philip II. His private library is a very valuable one particularly in the department of all that history can throw any light upon the subjects of his present and past investigations. His library contains nearly 6,000 volumes. It is a picture of a room, that the proprietor had constructed for his pecial use, as he did his study, some distance above it towards the heavens, where his beautiful compositions are produced.

That Mr. Prescott, with his physical embarrassments, has accomplished so much towards forming an American standard literature, is quite a marvel. Another wonder is, that though he has been confined to his books and his study for forty years, as closely as the monk to his cloister, he has nothing of the scholastic manner, but the ease and polish of a gentleman wholly in society.—Boston Cor. of the Journal of Commerce.

Push On!-A Lay of Destiny.

BY HENRY J. SARGENT. Awake! and listen. Everywhere-From upland, grove and lawn, Out-breathes the universal prayer,

Arise! and don thy working garb; All nature is astir; Let honest motives be thy barb, And usefulness thy spur.

Stop not to list the boisterous jeers, (He would be what thou art;)
They should not e'en offend thine cars,
Still less disturb thy heart. What though you have no shining hoard,

(Inheritance or stealth;) -To purchase at the brokers board, The recompense of wealth-Push on! You're rusting while you stand;

Push on: Toure.

Inaction will not do;
Take life's small bundle in your hand,
And trudge it briskly through.

Push on: Dont't blush because you have a patch

In honest labor won; There's many a small cot roofed with thatch Is happier than a throne. Push on! The world is large enough

For you, and me, and all; You must expect your share of rough, And, now and then, a fall.

But, up again! act out your part-Bear smilingly your load; There's nothing like a cheery heart To mend a stony road.

Jump over all the if's and but's; There's always some kind hand To lift life's wagon from the ruts, Or poke away the sand.

Remember, when your sky of blue Is shadowed by a cloud,
The sun will shine as soon for you
As for the monarch proud.

It is but written on the moon That toil alone endures: The king would dance a rigadoon.
With that blithe soul of yours.

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Take lize's small bundle in your hand,
And trudge it briskly through.
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Further Particulars of the Fire and Loss

The New York papers contain further particulars of the burning of the residence of John A., Haven, Esq., at Fort Washington, and the terrible deaths of his three daughters, who perished in the flames. On Saturday an inquest was held over the bodies of the three unfortunate girls, Ann Mary, Grace, and Sarah Haven, and the following, among other testi-

mony, adduced: John A. Haven, father of the deceased, being sworn, testified that it was his usual custom to examine his premises every night before retiring, and he did so on this occasion at about 12 o'clock; and finding all apparently safe retired to his room; but some time after was aroused by the cry of "fire;" got up and ordered all in the house to leave it. He could not say how the fire originated, but is satisfied that it broke out in the wash-room on the north-west

John M. Hopkins, brother-in-law of the de-ceased, testified that between three and four o'clock on Saturday morning he was called by Mrs. Haven, who informed him that their house was on fire. He proceeded to the house as soon as possible, and learned that some one of the family was still in the drawing-room. He procured a ladder, and by it went up to the window, and heard groans proceeding from inside the room. The smoke was very dense, and he reached his hand in and caught hold of Miss Anna, whom he rescued by the assistance of Mr. Connolly, and she is now recovered. Fifteen minutes after this Miss Ann Mary and Miss Grace were taken dead from the China closet in the drawing-room. Miss Sarah was also taken out dead.

Kate Lane, a waitress in the family, being sworn, stated that she retired about ten o'clock on the night in question, leaving two German girls ironing in the room, and a fire in the range, where they heated their smoothing irons; some hours after she was awakened by the cry of "fire," and on going out to call the procured a ladder, and by it went up to the win-

the cry of "fire," and on going out to call the coachman to assist in putting out the flames, met Miss Ellen, who asked her to get the silver from the closet; after calling the coachman she got into the dinner-room and handed out a draw which contained the silver; she then saw Miss Mary lying in the closet, and called

out that such was the case. Some other testimony was elicited, showing that at first all the family escaped in safety from the burning building; that subsequently some of the Miss Havens asked Kate Lane, one of the servants, to go into the dining-room and carry out the plate before the fire reached it, but the girl refused, fearing that she would alogy back to the eighth century, and enjoying privileges at Court extended only to a very few. During the great French Revolution, the Count's four daughters were obliged to flee to the United States to escape the fate which was building, as it is supposed, for her clothes, and that was the last that was seen of her till her then visited upon all of noble birth. They arrived at Boston and were received with marked distinction, Congress granting them a pension of \$1,000 a year each, for four years. charred and blackened remains were taken sisters, Mary, Grace, and Anna, the two first of whom were suffocated. It was thought at first when they went into the building that they would return immediately, but when three or four minutes elapsed without any of them making their appearance, and every room in the house appeared to be filled with smoke, the greatest apprehensions were felt for their

son-in-law, Mr. Hopkins, a short distance off, bare-headed and bare-footed, and had returned but a few minutes before the disappearance of her daughters. A considerable number of their neighbors had also collected, and every exerion was made to rescue them. After great effort, Miss Anna only was rescued, the other

three having perished.

Dr. Philip O'Hanlon, who had examined the bodies, testified that the death of Miss Sarah L. Haven was caused by burns, her years of age; Ann Mary was 18 years of age.

The body of Sarah was found on Saturday beneath the ruins, greatly disfigured, and in a kneeling position, with her hands to her face, and her face to the ground. By the side of her were charred fragments of a woolen wrapper, which she had probably taken to put on.

The New York Times says:
The terrible news of the calamity reached this city on Saturday, about 10, a. m. It excited the liveliest interest and sympathy. The relations and friends of the family immediately set out to visit the scene. Rev. Dr. Osgood, pastor of Church of the Messiah, was among the number. The family were communicants of his church, Mr. Haven being among its oldest members. He was very much affected, and mentioned among other things that Sarah had sent him, but a few weeks ago, a considerable sum of money, as a contribution of "the Sis-

ters" for the poor.

The parents, as may be well conceived, are overwhelmed at their bereavement. Anna is at the residence of Mr. Connolly, and is slowly recovering. Her throat is thought by 'Dr. Elliott to have been burned, as it is quite sore. She has not yet been told of the loss of her sis-

ters. On Sunday the bodies were at the house of Mr. Hopkins. That of Sarah was not shown. That of Grace was said to be but little changed, while the features of Mary were almost life-like in their expression, with not even the hue of death. She seemed rather to be feigning asleep in tableau, and still retained the remark-able beauty of her life.

There were seven sisters in the family: Anna who was rescued; Augusta, the wife of Mr. Hopkins; Sarah, Mary, and Grace, who were lost; Helen and Fanny, the last of whom was at school at the time in the city.

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Congressional.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS. SECOND SESSION.

Senate—Tuesday, January 16, 1855.

A large number of petitions was presented to the Senate this morning, among which was one from the convention of old soldiers, who lately assembled in this city, one from eighty-three Indian veterans, who also rendered service in the war of 1812, and one from sixteen hundred citizens in favor of the application of the old soldiers for the bounty of the government. Mr. SEWARD, in presenting them, arged their claim upon the favorable consideration of the Senate.

Several river and harbor improvement bills, on the motion of Mr. CASS, were made the special order for an early lay next week. They were bills to make provision for the improvement of the mouths of the Mississippi river, the channel of the St. Clair flat, and the Des Moines river rapids. Senate-Tuestay, January 16, 1855.

rapids.
The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate as Executive communication, in answer to a resolu-tion of the Senate, equesting to be furnished with the names of minisers, charges, and other diplo-matic agents of the Government, who have been appointed during some years past, with statements of the time at which their compensation com-menced, and the time of their departure for their nosts.

posts.
Mr. BRODHEAD, on whose motion the call Mr. BRODHEAD, on whose motion the call was made, said that this information was deemed necessary to enable the Senate properly to consider the reforms that were required in the civil and consular service. A bill is now before the House of Representatives, on this subject, and may be expected to reach the Senate in a few days, in anticipation of which this communication from the Secretary of State was ordered to be printed.

The Senate reasumed the consideration of the bill to increase the compensation of United States judges and members of Coagress.

After debate, a meation was made to lay the bill on the table, but it was not agreed to, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive business—

And afterwards adjourned.

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House of Representatives.

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The House, after the transaction of business of minor public importance, resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the sate of the Union, Mr. Orr in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the Pacific railroad bill.

Mr. BENTON, who spoke on the subject, said he had put himself to some trouble to see and converse with business men, with practical men, to see whether there was anything feasible in his, project. He had reason to believe that there was; that a private company of solid men are ready now to enter into arrangements for constructing now to enter into arrangements for constructing this work with their own resources, without grants of money from the United States, without grants of money from the United States, without alternate sections of land, amounting to many millions of acres, and without an army of regular soldiers to protect the road, and who themselves would need protection. He believed that such a company would be ready to enter upon the work, with the preliminary basis of the right of way through the Territories of Utah and Kansas, through the territories of the United States, without limiting it; thereby steering clear of all constitutional difficulties, trusting to the States on this side and the State of California to make the conjunction

Mr. McDOUGAL, in reply to Mr. BENTON, said that gentleman had designated the northern as a British route, and a child of this administration. He (Mr. McD.) would inform the committee that this administration never gave birth to the propo-sition. The credit belonged to the gentleman who proposed a railroad from Missouri to the Colum

Mr. BENTON. That was before we acquire Mr. McDOUGAL asked, was it not as much of a British route then as now? He denied, also, that the southern route is an offspring of the adminis-

The gentleman's great objection to the bill was, that it granted public lands to build the road; but, when he was in the Senate, he proposed the most extravagant grants; a hundred solid miles of land, not alternate sections, all through to the Pacific coast, two thousand miles long, enough to make coast, two thousand miles long, enough to make many States. The gentleman was not only prepared to set apart the land, but to apply the revenue collected in California and Oregon. In the next bill, the gentleman provided for an appropriation of the proceeds of the public lands, seventy-five per cent. west of the Mississippi, and fifty per cent. of all other public lands, for this work; thus making it a government work. Then it could not be assumed by the gentleman that there was anything vicious in this measure, because it disposed of pertions of the public domain.

domain.

Having concluded his speech in advocacy of the bill, the Committee proceeded to vote on amendments.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Maine, moved to strike

out all of the bill after the second section. He out all of the bill after the second section. He understood, as the substitute was withdrawn, the select committee propose to offer that suggested by the gentleman from Louisiana, [Mr. Dunhar.] Therfore, discussion on the bill pending, which nobody expected to pass, was utterly idle.

The amendment was agreed to.

The substitute of Mr. Dunhar was read. It

roposes, with a view of enhancing the value and accilitating the sale of the public lands to the acfacilitating the sale of the public lands to the actual settler, and to aid in the construction of suitable railroad and telegraphic communication between the Mississippi valley and the Pacific ocean, there shall be appropriated a quantity of public land, equal to the alternate sections, for the space of twelve miles on each side of said roads, from their eastern to their western termini.

One road and telegraph is to commence on the western border of the State of Texas, to be called the Southern Pacific railroad; one road and telegraph to commence on the western border of the State of Missouri or lows, to be known as the Central Pacific railroad; and one road and telegraph to commence on the western border of the

graph to commence on the western border of the State of Wisconsin, in the Territory of Minnesota, to be known as the Northern Pacific railroad. The roads to be built by contract, under certain con

Mr. DUNBAR explained that the substitut which had just been read, was that introduced by Mr. Douglas in the Senate, and then referred to Mr. Douglas in the Senate, and then referred to a committee of that body, where it underwent some modifications, and was afterwards unanimously reported to the Senate. The routes selected were all practicable, and the plan would reconcile all differences and conflicts of interests between all sections of the country.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Maine, suggested several amendments.

Mr. LETCHER moved to strike out the enactng clause of the bill; pending which motion the And at three o'clock the House adjourned.

CERERAL Notions of Chemistry, by J.
P. louze and E. Fremy, translated from the French by Edmund C. Evans, M. D.
Pebbles from the Lake Shore, or Miscellaneous Poems, by Charles Leland Porter, A. M.
Brushwood picked up on the Continent, or Last Summer's Trip to the Old World, by Orville Horwitz.

R. FARNHAM.

NOTES of M. Bernard's Lectures on the Blood, with an Appendix, by Walter F. At ee, M. D. Things as they are in America, by William

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To this Exhibition the Manufactures, Mechanical Company of the C

To this Exhibition the Manufactures, Mechanics, Artists, Inventors, and all others desiring to display the results of their labor, skill, ingenuity, and taste, from all portions of the Union, are cordially invited to contribute.

The Machinery Department will be under the charge of a special Superintendent. Steam power, fixtures, labor, &c., will be given free of expense. All intending to exhibit are requested to give notice at as early aday as possible. Goods should be accompanied with a proper invoice.

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of making known to the whole country their novelty and utility, the superior style of their workmanship, and their adaptation to the purposes for which they may be intended.

They would respectfully solicit from the Ladies those specimens of elegant handiwork, which heretofore have formed so attractive and important a feature of these displays. It is proposed to submit all such contributions to a Committee of Ladies, and to award to articles of merit, premi ums of jewelry, &c., suited to the tastes of the fair exhibitors.

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No article deposited after Saturday night, 3d of February, can be entered upon the Judges' Lists for competition or premium, except such as the Committee shall be satisfied were dispatched from a distance in time to have reached the Hall by that day, but failed to arrive from unavoidable detention.

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open to the public.

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Jan 5

TOR RENT, OR SALE—The Modern
Four-story BRICK HOUSE on Thirteenth
street, near E, east side. The house is in good
repair—dry cellars; and to a good tenant the ren
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JAS. C. McGUIRE,

THIS is to give notice that the following original Virginia Military Revolutionary No. 662 for 100 acres, issued in the name of Danie Thomas; No. 533 for 100 acres, issued in the name of Thos

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have been accidentally lost or destroyed, and I
hereby notify all parties that I shall make application to the Land Office for the issue of scrip on
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A. NICOL,

A. NICOL, Attorney for the Claima THE FAILURE of Free Society.—Sociology for the South, or the Failure of Free Society, by George Fitzhugh. On sale at TAYLOR & MAURY'S

Jan. 13

OUT-DOORS at Idlewild; or, the Shaping of a Home on the banks of the Hudson, by N. P. Willis.

Maxims of Washington; political, social, moral, and religious, collected by Dr. Shroeder.

This, That, and the Other, by Ellen L. Chandler.
The Rural Wreath; or, Life among the Flowers, by Laura Greenwood.

Beautiful Bertha, a paye story, by Mrs. Turbill.

Book Store, near 9th street.

ers, by Laura Greenwood.

Beautiful Bertha, a new story, by Mrs. Tuthill.
Only a Dandelion, and other Stories, by the author of Flower of the Family.

Pray and Work, then God will help, a series of Story Books for Children, by Sarah A. Myers.
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Faggots for the Fireside, or Fact and Fancy, by Peter Parley.

A Winter Wreath of Summer Flowers, by S. G. Goodrich.

We are now receiving our stock of Family and Pocket Bibles, Prayer Books, superbly bound copies of the Poets, and other standard and illustrated works for the holydays.

GRAY & BALLANTYNE,

Dec 3-3t

TAKE NOTICE.—Housekeepers and others are reminded that the following list of articles are of the very best description, and can be purchased from the subscriberon as low terms as any other house in the city. A large assortment and supply always on hand:

Oils of all kinds. Queensware, Queensware, Brushes, Clocks,

Lamps, Chandeliers, Girondoles, Turpentine, Window Glass, China, Earthenware, Britannia ware, Glass, &c., &c., &c., &c. Opposite Selden & Withers's Bank.

JOHN H. BUTHMANN, Importer and Dealer in Wine, Brandy, Cigars, &c. Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between Fourand-a-Half and Sixth streets, has received his full stock and assortment of the above, consisting in

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Madeira, Sherry, Port of various grades, Champagne, in quarts and pints, different brands.
A great variety of Rhine Wine, some of it sparkling.

Also, St. Peray sparkling red and white Claret at prices from \$3 50 per dozen to the highest order.

And numerous other kinds of Wine. Also, very superior Cognac, pale and dark; Scheidam Gin, Jamaica Rum, fine old Whis-key, Irish Malt, Cordials, and Havana Cigars. Dec 20—2tawifsw

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.—M. W. GALT & BRO. will open this day a magnificent assortment of Watches Jewelry. Silver Ware, and Fancy Goods, suitable for presents, to which they invite the attention of purchasers.

M. W. GALT & BROTHER,

Jan 3-3t Penn. av., betw. 9th and 10th sta

The ships comprising this line are The Atlantic Captain West.
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For freight or pa-sage, apply to
EDWARD K. COLLINS,
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B. G. WAINWRIGHT & Co.,
Paris

GEO. H. DRAPER, Havre. The owners of these ships will not be accountable for gold, silver, bullion, specie, jewelry, precious stones, or metals, unless bills of lading are signed therefor, and the value thereof therein expended.

C ONSERVE and Preserved Ginger and Chow-Chow, Attes and Choong Loong, Canton, fresh importation. For sale by SHEKELL BROTHERS,
No. 40, opposite the Centre Market.

Dec. 23—3tif

TRESERVES, JAMS, JELLIES, AND Marmalade, &c., viz; Peaches, Quinces, Damsons, Blackberries, Strawberries and Raspberries, and Pine

Apple Preserves.
Black Current Jellies, in half and one-pound jars. Red Currant Jellies, in half pint and quart jars.
Grape, Quince, Crab Apple, and Plums.
Pine Apple and Crab Apple Marmalades.
Peaches and Pine Apple in cans, hermetically

sealed, Jellies.
Pine Apple, Peaches, Green Gages, preserved in brandy.

These Preserves, Jellies, &c., are of the bes uality, put up to our order for our sales. SHEKELL BROTHERS.

No. 40, opposite Centre Market.

Dec 17-1wit TETT GOODS.—I have just received a good supply; which I will sell at importers rices, at 418, Pennsylvania avenue. Dec 16 H. O. HOOD. MME. SCHONENBERG TEACHER OF PIANO AND SINGING,

257 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. READY MADE CLOTHING at reduced Prices.—As the season is advanced we have determined to sell off the remaining portion of our winter stock at greatly reduced prices, therefore gentlemen wishing to consult economy in purchasing fine Overcoats, Talmas, dress, frock and business Coats, black and fancy Casshmere Pants, velvet, silk, satin and merino Vests, Undershirts and Drawers, and all other ready made garments of fine quality, will find our present variety to be as well assorted as in the beginning of the season, with the advantage of much lower prices.

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WALL & STEPHENS,

Jan 14 322 Pa. av.,next to Iron Hall. CLOTHING Made to Order Cheaper than Ever.—In order to run off the remainder of our large stock of Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings we will, at this season, take measure and make to order, Gentlemen's Garments of first quality twenty per cent. cheaper than our usual low prices. WALL & STEPHENS, Jan 11 322 Pa. av., next to Iron Hall.

DRESENTS .- M. W. GALT & BROTHER will open daily, until after the holydays, the richest styles of new Jewelry, Fasoy Silverware, and bijouterie of every description suitable for Their assortment is larger and more varied than ever before offered, and at prices unusually

low, ons early, and avoid the bustle of the holydays.

M. W. GALT & BROTHER, Penn. av., bet. 9th and 10th sts Dec. 19-3t HRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.-New

Cand elegant illustrated Books, Annuals, Juvenile Books, Standard Books for Libraries, &c., the largest assortment ever offered in this city, both English, American, and French, selected with great care, and will be sold at much lower prices than usual.

R. FARNAAM,

Dec 19

Corner 11th st. and Penn. av.

ATER YEARS, by the Author of "the the Old House by the River."

Mr. Rutherford's Children, second volume. Pebbles from the Lake Shore, or Miscellaneous Poems, by Charles Leland Potter, A. M. General Notions of Chemistry, translated from the French, by Edmund C. Evans, M. D. The Land of the Saracens, by Bayard Taylor. Brushwood picked up on the Continent; or Last Summer's Trip to the Old World, by Orville Horwitz.

Discovery of the Sources of the Mississippi

Discovery of the Sources of the Mississippi
River, by Henry R. Schoolcraft.

Dana's Minrealogy, 4th edition.

The above are selected from a large arrival of new books at TAYLOR & MAURY'S Bookstore, near 9th st.

TIRAVELING and Packing Trunks all qualities.—A large variety constantly sand, and for sale cheap by WALL & STEVENS, 322, Penn. avenue, next door to Iron Hall (News.) L. BERTOLOZZI.

PRON FLORENCE, ITALY, PROFESSOR OF VOCAL MUSIC, French and Italian; Translator of Foreign Languages.
Terms Moderate.
365 I street, between 13th and 14th streets,
Franklin Place.

Dec 17

WEBSTER and his Master Pieces, by Rev. B. F. Tefft, author of Hungary and Kossuth.

Poems of the Orient, by Bayard Taylor.

Swell Life at Sea, or Fun, Frigates, and Yatching, a collection of National Yarns, from the Log
Book of a Younster of the Mess.

High Life in New York, by Jonathan Slieble e-q.,
of Weathersfield, Connecticut.

Leaves from the Tree Igdrasyl, by Martha Rus

Just received and for sale by Nov 8 R. FARNHAM. Purlor and one or two Chambers, on the first floor; and on the second floor two Chambers. May be had separately, or the whole together. Please inquire of Mrs. John P. Van Ness, on Missouri avenue, between 44 and 6th streets.

Dec 14—5t*

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for September is a magnificent number, filled with superior engravings, and for sale at SHILLINGTON'S book

Leslie's Ladies' Gazette for September contains all the new Fall fashions.

The Knickerbocker Magazine for September.
Godey's Lady's Book, Graham's Magazine, and Putnam's Magazine, all for September, received and for sale at

SHILLINGTON'S Bookstore

JUST received, per schooner Mist—
150 wholes, halves, and quarter boxes Rais
4 cases Prunes, in jars and boxes
2 bales Almonds
4 cases Preserved Chow-Chow 4 cases Preserved Chow-Chow
4 do do Canton Ginger
10 dozen assorted Jellies
10 do do Preserves
50 boxes Fig Paste
2 cases Currants
2 cases Sardines
10 bbls Cranberries
50 baskets Bordeaux and Marseilles Oil
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WHEN I HAVE EARNED ONE HUNDED DOLLARS OF MY OWN MONEY, I will trade on one hundred dollars, and when I have carned one thousand dollars, and so increase my business and capital in proportion." I will never take credit or give my own promise to pay notes, but will pay cash for all my goods when purchased. I will keep down my expenses, and will not pay high, enormously high rents, nor live above my income, and will deal fairly with all men. Maxims like these and former experience in the wholesale and retail manufairly with all men. Maxims like these and former experience in the wholesale and retail manufacturing, as well as the import and export trades
during these last five and twenty years, have enabled GEORGE P. FOX, U. S. A., U. S. N., Tailor,
and l'Inventeur des Modes, to progressively rise
from the humble rank of selling one vest pattern
in Wall street a few years ago, to be the present
sole proprietor of the store (25 feet front by 105 feet
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WAY.

It is also equally true that with money, cash in hand, FOX—GEORGE P. FOX—has, during the past few months, made extensive purchases, at ruinously low prices, of fine CLOTHS, FASHIONABLE VESTINGS,

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FOX—GEORGE P. FOX—while most thankful to the public for the liberal patronage received, still maintains his reputation for at all times selling the most fashionable of Custom, Pattern, and

ing the most fashionable of Custom, Pattern, and Correct Fitting.

BADY MADE GARMENTS,

Dress, Frock Costs, Overcoats, Vests, Pantaloons, Cloths, Cassimeres, Velvet Vestings, &c., &c., and is determined not to be outdone in liberality of dealing, nor undersold by the least nor the biggest house in the trade. He is also equally determined, to the best of his ability, to employ a meritorious laboring class of Journeymen Tailors; and others who are suffering dreadful privations for want of employment, and therefore offers, on and after this date, until the beginning of the year 1855, the resources of his magnificent Tailoring Establishment, free of profit on the cost of all his goods, combined with his own gratitious services, to his friends and the public, to be considered as a sort of present

of present HOLIDAY OR NEW YEAR'S GIFT! HOLIDAY OR NEW YEAR'S GIFT! exampleizing wealthy gentlemen. United States Departments, the Executive. Officers of the Army and Navy, Bankers, Foreigners, Citizens, the present imperative duty of solvent tradesmen and merchants to employ their fellow-men, aid and assist the inauguration of a better state of trade all over the world from the commencement of the New Year, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five. I am, fellow-citizens, (representing one of the links of Commerce,) yours truly, ever grateful and obligsed.

GEORGE P. FOX, United States Leader of Fashions, Headquarters, No. 321 Broadway, GEORGE P. FOX.

VARIETY BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

L addies ALPINE BOOTS.—Just received a superior lot of Ladies' Black and Brown Alpine Boots, together with a large and general assortment of Ladies, Gents, Misses, Boys, Youths, and Children's Boots and Shoes for sale by

340 Pennsylvania avenue,
Adjoining Patterson's Drug Store.

Dec 1 (News.) VARIETY BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

QUILTED BOTTOM and PATENTLEA-THER BOOTS.—The undersigned has just received a fine assertment of the above Boots. His general assertment of Boots and Shoes for Gentlemen is large, embracing all the modern styles. Great care has been taken to have them made of the best material and workmanship Purchasers will find it to their advantage to give him a call. GEO. BURNS. 340 Pennsylvania avenue, Adjoining Patterson's drug-store (News)

PROPERTY AGENCY. CHAS. P. WANNALL, AGENT FOR BUYING AND SELLING REAL ESTATE. Corner N. York Ave. & 9th St., Washington, D. C. The Collection of House Rents and other Ac-

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W E have just received the finest and richest assortment of Cravats, Scarfs, Stocks, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Collars, Suspenders, Muffers, &c., &c., to be seen in this city, making a most splendid variety of suitable Christmas presents.

Penn avenue next doze to Ice, Hell Penn. avenue, next door to Iron Hall.

Dec 20—3t [Intell., News, Star.]

THE REPUBLICAN COURT, or Ame-

Rufus W. Griswold, with twenty-one portraits of

distinguished Women, engraved from original pictures by Woolaston, Copley, Gainsborough, Stuart, Trumbult, Pine, Malbone, and other con-Stuart, Trumbult, Pine, Mandon, temporary painters. Just received and for sale R. FARNHAM. IVE PET DEER FOR SALE, a buck. three years old, in fine order and perfectly tocile; can be seen on application at the store.

Also, 22 saddles of fine Venison, from the Alle-

fanies.
For sale by SHEKELL & BROTHERS.
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BUREAU OF TRANSLATION Com the Franch, Spanish Italian; and cerman Languages, and for Topographical and other Drawings.
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announce the completion of preparations for the festive season. In addition to their ordinary stock, (which has always been characterized by elegance and variety,) they have received—
A choice selection of beautifully illustrated and
tastefully bound Books.
Articles of "ver.u," in Porcelain, Bronze, and

other manufacture.

other manufacture.
Writing Desks, in papier mache and rosewood.
Card Baskets, Ink-stands, Ladies' Cebas.
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Together with a general assortment of novelties remarkable for a combination of the useful with the ornamental, at prices suitable to the artisan or millionaire. Book and Stationery store, near 9th street.

THE YOUTH OF MADAME DE LONgueville, or new Revelations of Court and Convent in the seventeenth century, from the French of Victor Cousin, by F. W. Ricord.
Faggots for the Fireside, or Facts and Fancy, by Peter Parley.

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Nov 12

R. FARNHAM.

WHITE SATIN AND SHOE STORE.
WHITE SATIN AND KID BOOTS
and Slippers. Just received a general assortment of the above; workmanship and materia

of the best,
Also as elegant supply of Toilet Slippers, embracing the French embroided, Wilton, and Velvet.

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